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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

SASAKI ET AL.

Examiner

Mohammed Hasan

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 3/14/2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 - 3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 - 3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 04 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Note: The finality of the rejection of the last office action is withdrawn, because the last office action has an independent claim 1 anticipated by Yamagishi (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0025805 A1) reads on a selection device permits the serial communication, does not prohibits the serial communication. Amended independent claim 1 (i.e., a selection device prohibits the serial communication), which reads on Kobayashi (5,781,818).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1- 3 are rejected under than 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Kobayashi (5,781,818).

Regarding claim1, Kobayashi discloses (refer to figures 1 and 2) a lens apparatus (59) capable of performing serial communication with a camera body through a serial communication interface (i.e., a microcomputer 1) comprising: a selection device (i.e., switches 64 and 65), which prohibits the serial communication (i.e., the

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DBUS of the camera control microcomputer 1 is arranged receive parallel data of 8 bits) (column 3, lines 35 – 67, column 4, lines 1 – 54, column 5, lines 15 – 27).

Regarding claim 2, Kobayashi discloses (refer to figures 1 – 2) the serial communication is prohibited by selection device (i.e., switches 64 and 65) parallel communication is performed with a camera body (i.e., the DBUS of the camera control microcomputer 1 is arranged receive parallel data of 8 bits) (column 3, lines 35 – 67, column 4, lines 1 – 54, column 5, lines 15 – 27).

Regarding claim 3, Kobayashi discloses, the serial communication is prohibited by selection device (i.e., switches 64 and 65) a processing speed of a processing circuit loaded in to lens apparatus (59) is reduced (column 17, lines 47 – 59).

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 – 3 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The closest prior art

Yoshikawa (6,717,618 B1) discloses a device for making parallel interface communication compatible with serial interface communication when a serial interface compatible large television lens used for a portable television camera , thereby performing optical communication between the television camera and lens.

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Kawasaki et al (5,223,877) discloses a camera system includes a camera body and an interchangeable lens that is detachably mounted to the camera body.

Kikukawa et al (5,333,030) discloses a camera system including a camera body and a camera accessory attachable to the camera body, such as an interchangeable back lid, an interchangeable lens, a flash device and so on.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mohammed Hasan whose telephone number is (571) 272-2331. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH, 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Georgia Epps can be reached on (571) 272- 2328. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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